

MINUTES
TENNESSEE COUNCIL OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIFERY
APRIL 6, 2006

A regular meeting of the Tennessee Council of Certified Professional Midwifery was held in the Cumberland Room located on the Ground Floor of the Cordell Hull State Office Building on April 6, 2006.

Members Present: Debi Church, CPM, Carlotta Crawford, CRN, Rufus Clifford, MD
Carol Nelson, CPM, Mary Anne Richardson, CPM,
Jeffery Hamre, DO and Pame Moore-Morrow, Citizen Member

Staff Present: Sheila Bush, Administrator, Marsha Arnold, Unit Manager,
Robert Kraemer, Advisory Attorney and Jerry Kosten, Rules
Coordinator

Members Absent: Cornelia Graves, MD and Kim Mosny, CPM

The Council convened at 9:05 a.m. with Ms. Richardson presiding. Ms. Richardson determined that a quorum was present in order to conduct Council Business. Ms. Richardson introduced Dr. Hamre as the newest member of the Council.

Minutes

Ms. Crawford made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 6, 2005 meeting. Ms. Church seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Report

Ms. Arnold gave the financial report and explained to the Council that the fee increase will go into effect on May 1, 2006. Ms. Church had a question about the indirect cost for support staff increasing. The administrative staff will ask for Lisa Tittle to attend the next scheduled meeting to answer the Council's questions about the financial report.

Managers Report

Ms. Arnold informed the Council that between October 1, 2005 thru February 28, 2006, the administrative office received 2 new applications and issued 2 new licensees. The total number of active licensees is 34.

Office of General Counsel

Mr. Kraemer informed the Council that the disciplinary rules went into effect on March 1, 2006 and the rules for the fee increase will go into effect on May 1, 2006. The Office of General Counsel does not have any open cases.

Disciplinary Report

Ms. Arnold informed the Council that there are no active disciplinary licensees at this time.

Investigation Report

Ms. Arnold informed the Council that there are five open cases in the Office of Investigations. Mr. Kraemer explained to the Council the procedure of how a complaint is received in the Office of Investigations and how the process works. The Council would like for Denise Moran to attend the next scheduled meeting to answer some of the questions that they had.

Rules Coordinator

Mr. Kosten presented the rules from the December 20, 2005 rulemaking hearing. The rules pertained to criminal background checks, screening panels, the use of titles and advertising. After review, Ms. Church made a motion to accept the rules. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. The roll call vote was taken and was answered on the affirmative. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kosten also explained to the Council about the Bills being considered by the Legislative Body concerning decreasing the size of the Council and the number of meetings required per year.

General Discussion

Ms. Arnold reported to the Council of the request to Vital Records for a listing of midwives that have signed birth certificates. She stated that Vital Records reported they did not capture that information in their database.

Ratification of New License

Ms. Church made a motion to approve the new licensee and the reinstatement applicant. Ms. Morrow seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Dr. Clifford made the motion to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Ms. Church seconded the motion. The motion carried.

These minutes were ratified at the October 5, 2006 meeting.

Mary Anne Richardson
Chairperson